

### REMARKS

In the Office Action dated 20 November 2003 claims 4, 6, 7, 9 10, 12-15, and 22 were allowed, claims 17 and 24 were rejected and claims 18 and 24 were objected to.

In response to the Office Action , the Applicants canceled the rejected claims and canceled the claims objected to.

In the light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant believes that the present application and claims 4, 6, 7, 9 10, 12-15, and 22 are in proper condition for allowance. Such allowance is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No 19-0615 (57.0329) any applicable fees or credits.

Respectfully submitted,



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